



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

Bureau of Air Pollution Control

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Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 445B, the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 445B, and the Clean Air Act, the Division of Environmental Protection is issuing the following notice.

The Administrator received an application for a Class I Operating Permit-to-Construct (OPTC) AP1041-2805 (FIN A0005) from the following applicant:

Barrick Goldstrike Mines, Inc (BGM).
P.O. Box 29
Elko, Nevada 89803

The Barrick Goldstrike property is located in Eureka County, Nevada, Sections 1-4, T35N-R49E; Sections 12-15, 21-28, and 33-36, T36N-R49E; Sections 7-9, 16-21, and 28-32, T36N-R50E (MDB&M). The Administrator has prepared a tentative determination regarding the OPTC that, in brief, includes the following:

- X BGM proposes to add equipment that will support changes to its gold extraction process. BGM also proposed minor modifications to existing refining equipment and processes. New equipment includes dry chemical storage silos, mixing tanks, liquid sulfur storage tanks, various storage tanks and process vessels for aqueous solutions, electrowinning cells, pregnant/barren solution tanks, an 81.0 MMBtu boiler combusting propane or natural gas, two emergency diesel generators, and two process cooling towers.

On the basis of the preliminary review and the requirements of the NRS, the NAC and the Clean Air Act, the Administrator is hereby announcing her intent to issue the Class I Operating Permit-to-Construct based on a review of the information submitted. A copy of the draft permit is available for public inspection at the following locations:

Elko County Library
720 Court Street
Elko, NV 89801

Carlin Branch Library
811 Main Street
Carlin, NV 89822

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding this proposed action, or to request a hearing pursuant to NRS 445B Air Pollution and NAC 445B Air Controls, should submit their comments or request in writing, either in person or by mail or fax within thirty (30) days to:

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The application, draft permit, any comments received, and other relevant information may be copied at the above address or copies may be obtained by written request to the above address. Written comments or objections will be received at the Division of Environmental Protection, above address, until **December 22, 2011**, and will be retained and considered prior to final action on the new Class I OPTC. Upon a valid written request received prior to the end of the comment period, the Administrator will schedule a public hearing on the application and proposed action.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know may be interested in this matter.